

# A Memorable Internship in London, England

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## DESCRIPTION

The STEP signature project I completed was an internship through the Fisher College of Business. For eight weeks, I interned in London, England at a non-profit called Equalities National Council. While there, I reviewed their financial statements and created budgets to complete their funding applications. I also worked with the CEO to recruit local businesses and corporations for financial support

## WHAT DID I LEARN?

Interning in London helped me mature into a more independent person. I became a better communicator and a more financially literate person. I also develop an entrepreneurial mindset through my constant interactions with the CEO. I received opportunities to learn more about Brexit, therefore helping me become more aware of the impact external decisions on business operations. Overall, the internship allowed me to expand my network at an international level, connections that could be valuable in the future.



## HOW WAS I IMPACTED?

Aside from London, I traveled to Dublin, Ireland and Copenhagen, Denmark. From these trips, I received opportunities to experience different cultures, customs, and traditions, allowing me to see the value of differences and appreciate different perspectives. I also became a smarter spender. With no income, I was forced to be careful when using money, enabling me to see the value of saving. Furthermore, I became a more confident student as the internship helped me acquire a unique set of skills.



## HOW DID MY GOALS CHANGE?

Although living in London was fun, the internship helped me realize I want to be in the United States for a full-time role. Finance was also validated as a career path for me because the field would provide me with constant challenges to evolve as a business professional. I also started to appreciate non-profits and their purposes, motivating me to participate in more service opportunities back home. Additionally, working at non-profit specializing in providing advocacy and mentoring services to individuals with long-term impairments allowed me to appreciate the motor of disable people, inspiring me to create change in order to help their cause



## WHAT DID I ENJOY THE MOST?

My favorite part from the entire experience was going to the Wimbledon and The British Open. As a sports enthusiast, attending a professional tournament has always been one of my dreams. At the Wimbledon, I waited in a queue for nine hours before entering the fields, a worthwhile experience as I witnessed two renowned American tennis players compete. At The British Open, I received the chance to follow golfer Jordan Spieth during his final round that allowed him to win the tournament, moving him closer to his career grand slam.

